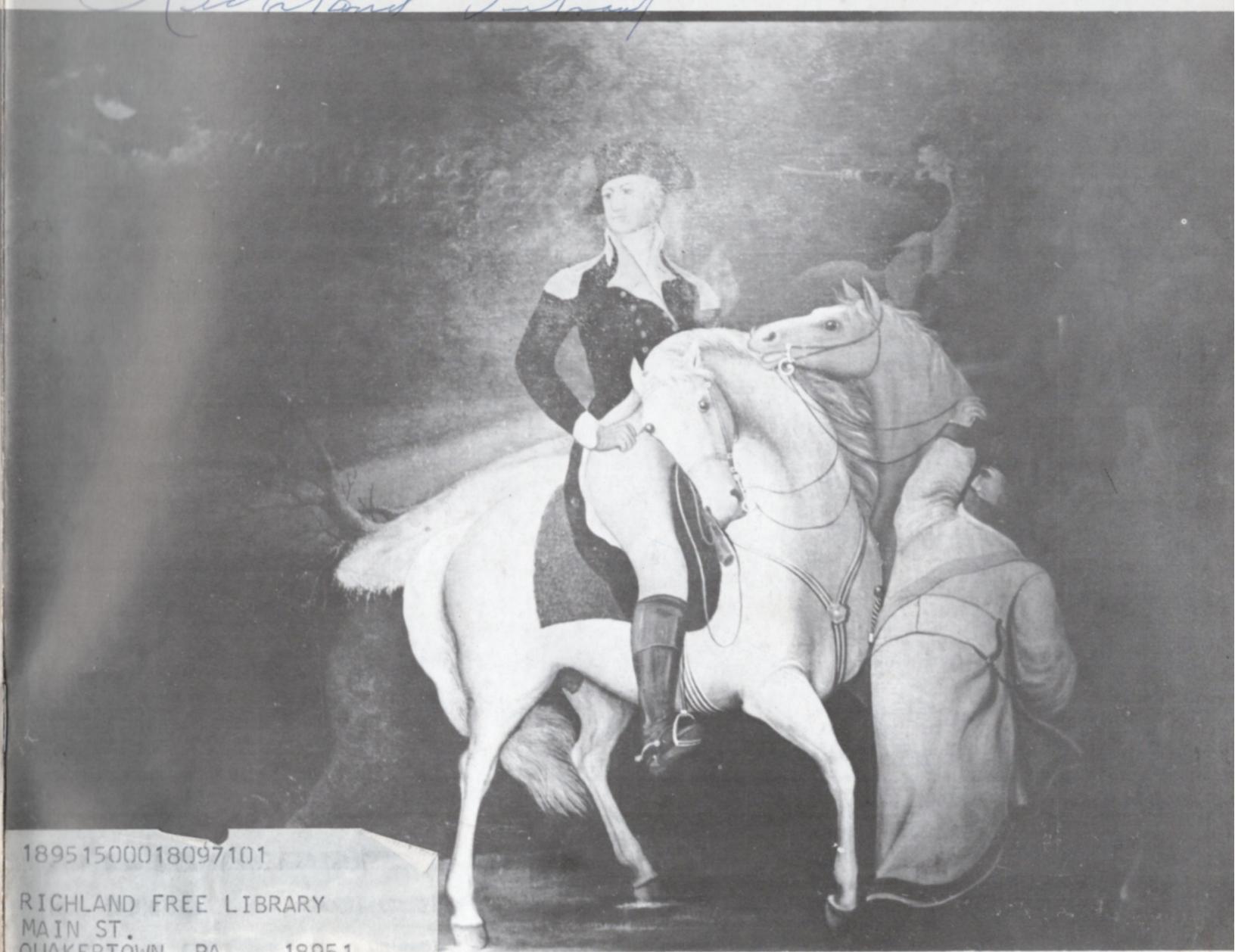


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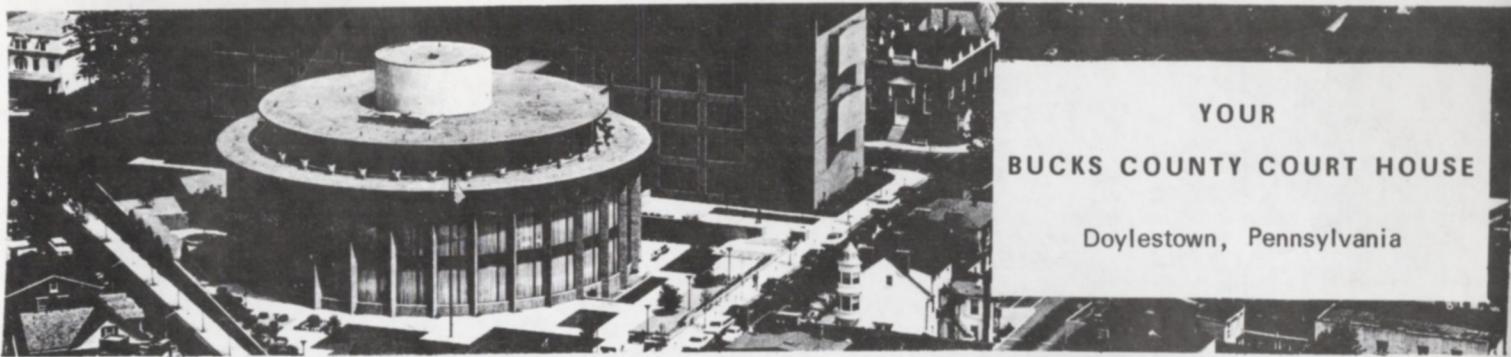
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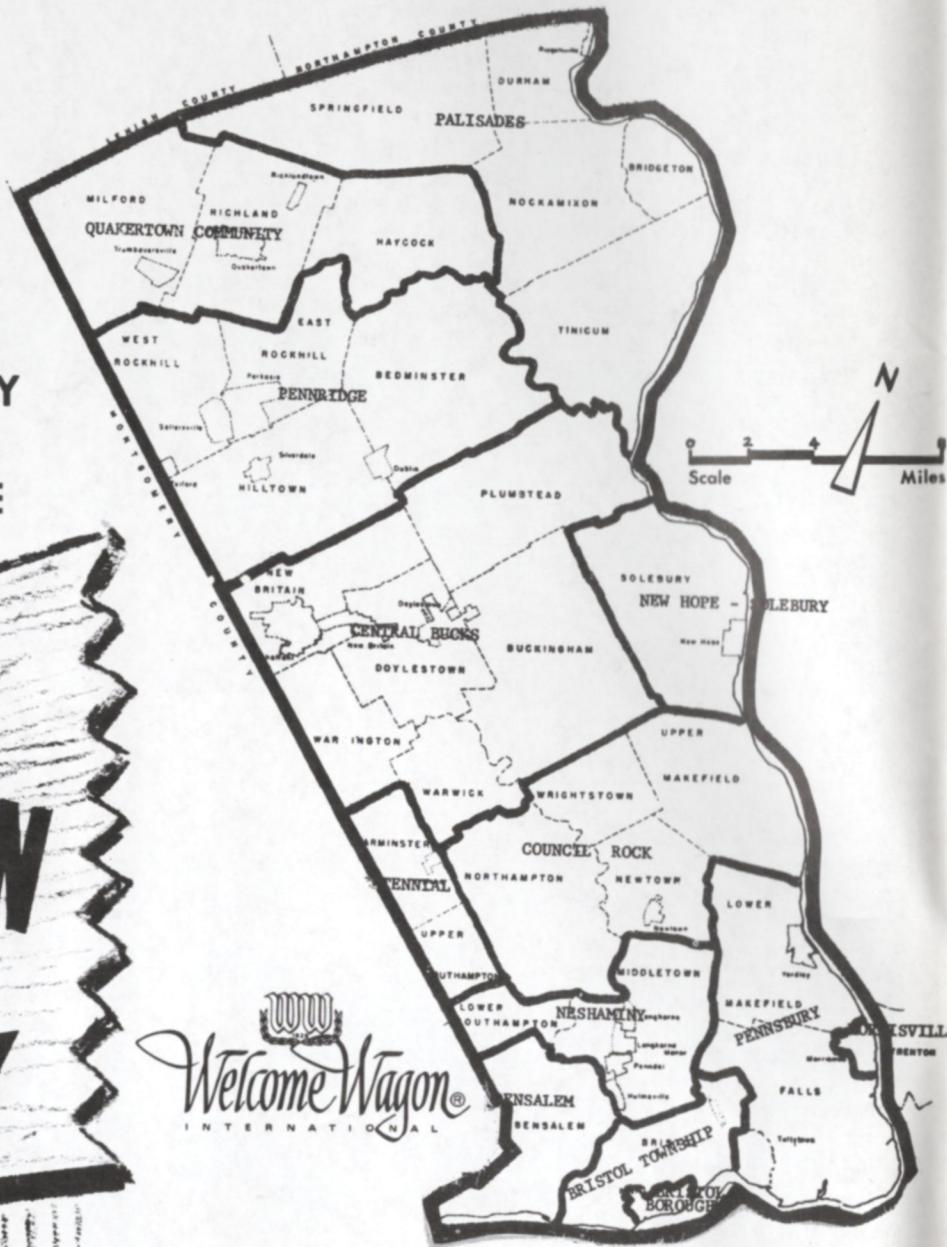


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Courtesy of the Bucks County Historical-Tourist Commission.

February, 1970

1 - 28	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Narration and Famous Painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware", Daily 9 to 5 p.m. Memorial Building, at $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. intervals.
1 - 28	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Thompson Neely House furnished with pre-Revolutionary pieces, Rte 32, Washington Crossing State Park. Open weekdays 10 to 5 p.m., Sundays and Holidays 1 to 5 p.m.
1 - 28	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Old Ferry Inn, Rte. 532 at the bridge. Restored Revolutionary Furniture, gift and snack shop where Washington Punch is sold. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday and Holidays 1 to 5 p.m.
1 - 28	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Taylor House, built in 1812 by Mahlon K. Taylor, now serves as headquarters for the Washington Crossing Park Commission. Open to public weekdays 8:30 to 5 p.m., Sat. 8:30 to 11 a.m.
1 - 28	MORRISVILLE — Pennsbury Manor, the re-created Country Estate of William Penn. Original Manor House was built in 1683. Open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sun. 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission 50 cents.
1 - 28	WASHINGTON CROSSING — Ice Skating, "The Lagoon," near the western entrance to the park, weather permitting. Free.
1 - 28	FAIRLESS HILLS — Ice Skating, "Lake Caroline," Oxford Valley Road and Hood Blvd., Weather permitting. Free. Lights for night skating.
1 - 28	BRISTOL — Ice Skating, "Silver Lake," Route 13 and Bath Road, weather permitting. Free. County Park. Lights for night skating Sun. thru Thurs. until 9:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. until 10:30 p.m.
1 - 28	PINEVILLE — Wilmar Lapidary Art Museum. The country's largest private collection of hand-carved semi-precious stones. Open to the public Tues. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 1 to 5 p.m. Admission 50 cents.

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## RIVERSIDE THOMAS

*by Sheila W. Martin*

On Old Windy Bush Road in Solebury Township sits a small, charming old house. This area, as do many other parts of Bucks County, contains historic landmarks and famous houses.

The house with 18 inch thick walls, the outside of which is covered with a very rough Colonial stucco, is tiny. Built in the old way, the kitchen is on the first level, backed with sod. Directly above is the living room and above that, a loft for sleeping. (Two rooms were added in recent years, front and back.)

The whole of the original dwelling has interesting features — open beams and a fireplace with a Dutch oven in the kitchen. The inside of a closet reveals the old buttermilk paint, known for its lasting qualities. There is also a fireplace in the living room and on the right of the mantle, a candle box is set in the wall. Another wall holds a deacon's cupboard, the name arising from the custom of hiding the hard liquor there so as not to offend the deacon when he visited. There are HL hinges throughout the house and the front door has the panelling in the shape of a cross to ward off the devil. Outside, at two corners of the

house are black ash trees called Mr. and Mrs. trees because they were planted by the young couple who first lived in the house.

This house is not as well known as some of its neighbors, but it has had a vital part in the history of Bucks County. It has always belonged on the property of good, solid citizens — the backbone of our country. The family who owned it the longest was the Smith family. The original Smith to buy the property was Thomas Smith, referred to as "Riverside Thomas" in old histories of Bucks County. He was given this unusual name because the Smith family, originally settlers in Wrightstown, had scattered all over the area and many had the same first names. Thus we find such designations as "Windy Bush," "Wrightstown," and "Falls Township" Smiths as well as "Riverside Thomas."

"Riverside Thomas" was the owner of two tracts of land fronting on the Delaware River and extending about a mile and a half, hence the colorful name. He also owned land in Upper Makefield Township.

Thomas' grandfather, William Smith, came to

America on the ship *Welcome* with William Penn in 1682. He married Mary Croasdale and they were among the very first settlers of Wrightstown.

Thomas' father, William Smith, married Rebecca Wilson at Middletown Meeting in 1722. He was active in politics and was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly from 1753 to 1757. One of his duties in the Assembly was working with the Indians for the records show payments made to him for rum and shoes for Indians. William took an interest in books for he was an early member of the Newtown Library joining in 1762.

Thomas was born in 1728 and married Sarah Townsend in 1752 at Buckingham Meeting. Sarah was the daughter of Stephen Townsend who grew the famous Townsend apple on his Solebury Township farm near Cutaloosa Creek. This apple was such a favorite with the local Indians that they put a clause in their agreement with Townsend when they sold him the land that the fruit of this marvelous apple tree would be free to every one. Many grafts were taken from the tree to other orchards throughout Bucks County.

Thomas and Sarah had nine children — William, Sarah, Mary, Thomas, Rebecca, Stephen, Isaac, Joseph, and John. Mary married Edward Blackfan and Thomas married Letitia Blackfan, grand-children of Rebecca Crispin Blackfan, a first cousin of William Penn who acted as his housekeeper at Pennsbury. The son of Thomas and Letitia, Oliver Smith, became a United States Senator from Indiana.

Thomas Smith was a busy man for he kept a store and lumber yard for many years. Although a Quaker and thus opposed to war, it is recorded that Thomas Smith did sell supplies to Washington's army and thus helped the patriot cause. He owned shares in a fishery near New Hope. He later sold to Joseph Todd, a miller, 196 acres which he had bought from the Penn Proprietors in 1770. In 1784 Smith bought another large tract of 187 acres from the Penn Proprietors also in Solebury and bordering partly on his 1770 purchase. Samuel Lewis bought a tract of 189 acres which bordered on Smith's two tracts in 1790. Several parts of this land was sold to Thomas Smith in 1792 and 1796. On one of these parcels of Lewis' land is the little house on Windy Bush Road.

Unfortunately it is hard to pinpoint the exact date the house was built. It might well have been built by someone who lived on the property before the Penns sold that portion of their Manor of Highlands to Samuel Lewis in 1790. The house is undoubtedly old but deeds of land sales do not indicate what dwellings were on the property.

However, Thomas Smith held onto this stretch of land along Old Windy Bush Road and it passed to his son William eventually. Thomas died in 1798 and while he left his property in Solebury to his sons John and Thomas, they deeded it to their brother William in 1799. Thomas provided well for all his children and grandchildren in his will for he was fortunate in owning quite a bit of land, possessions, and money. He must have had a special concern for his unmarried daughter, Rebecca, for he made sure that she was provided for in these words: "I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebekah Smith, a Bed and Bedding, one of my mares, her choice, a Side-Saddle and Bridle, all the Pewter called her Pewter, and the sum of 350 pounds... also the use of one Room in my House in Solebury and the Use of the Cellar-Room, and fruit of all sorts sufficient for her use, and firewood, enough for the consumption of one Fireplace cut in Suitable Length and brought to the Door... these privileges to expire when she marry."



Thomas' son William and his wife, Sarah Buckman of Newtown, lived on the Solebury land with their 10 children. Eventually the land was inherited by William's great-grandson, Richard Janney. An interesting point is that William had sold some 15 acres of land on which our little stone house was located to a saddler, Jacob Magill in 1805. 44 years later Jacob's daughters Susan and Sarah Magill sold the same property to Richard Janney. So Richard Janney got Thomas Smith's land in two ways — through inheritance and purchase. The land then possessed by Janney totalled 150 acres.

In 1923 the little stone house and about 3 acres of land was bought by Ivan and Dorothy Doubble. Ivan Graham Doubble came to this country from England

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*Aylesbury, Bucks, England, showing the direction to Buckingham via Route A413, which is two-lane macadam just like our 413. The A means a first class road.*

## THE OTHER BUCKINGHAM

*by Roger Williams, Jr.*

For me it was a fourth visit, but for my wife and four teenagers it was a first time. At home coming from school or shopping we rode Route 413 to Lower Mountain Road in Buckingham, Bucks, Pennsylvania. This time we were going to drive another 413, A413 from Aylesbury to Buckingham, Bucks, England. The day, and that night, was destined to be memorable in many ways. It was July 20, 1969.

Our first stop was a dot on the map called Granborough, just off Route A413 between Aylesbury and Buckingham. For some six years my daughter Valerie, age 14, had had a pen-pal, Elizabeth Young. Initially the pen-pal had lived in Aylesbury but had recently moved. We finally reached them on the telephone and had arranged to take Liz out to lunch.

Mr. Young works at a plant in Aylesbury making farm equipment -- for New Holland the American company which has a plant there. Last year he had come over to the States to their head office and hadn't realised how close he was to us.

After a pleasant lunch we dropped Liz off at home and headed for The Vicarage, the home of Mrs. Diana Elkerton, the former Mayor of Buckingham, who visited us last year in our Buckingham.

Vicar John Elkerton was there and proudly showed us his garden -- my children eating the last of the Elkerton strawberries right off the vines. It was Sunday so he, of course, was busy.

I played photographer while Diana showed my wife, Anna, something of the town, the Council Houses (these are apartments and houses for lower income families) and the new housing for the elderly.



*The Town Council Building. Here former Mayor Diana Elkerton attends Council meetings.*

She is very proud of these because it has been her pet project as a member of the Town Council both before and, now, after her stint as mayor. She is justifiably proud of the gardens these people have and the way they keep the properties. Anna then saw the church and later the teenagers watched the bell-ringers. Yes, the church has teams of bell ringers who ring them by pulling ropes in unison and one after the other. The arrangements are all committed to memory by each member of the team and the most exhausting arrangement involves some 3,000 bell chords with the playing lasting over two hours.

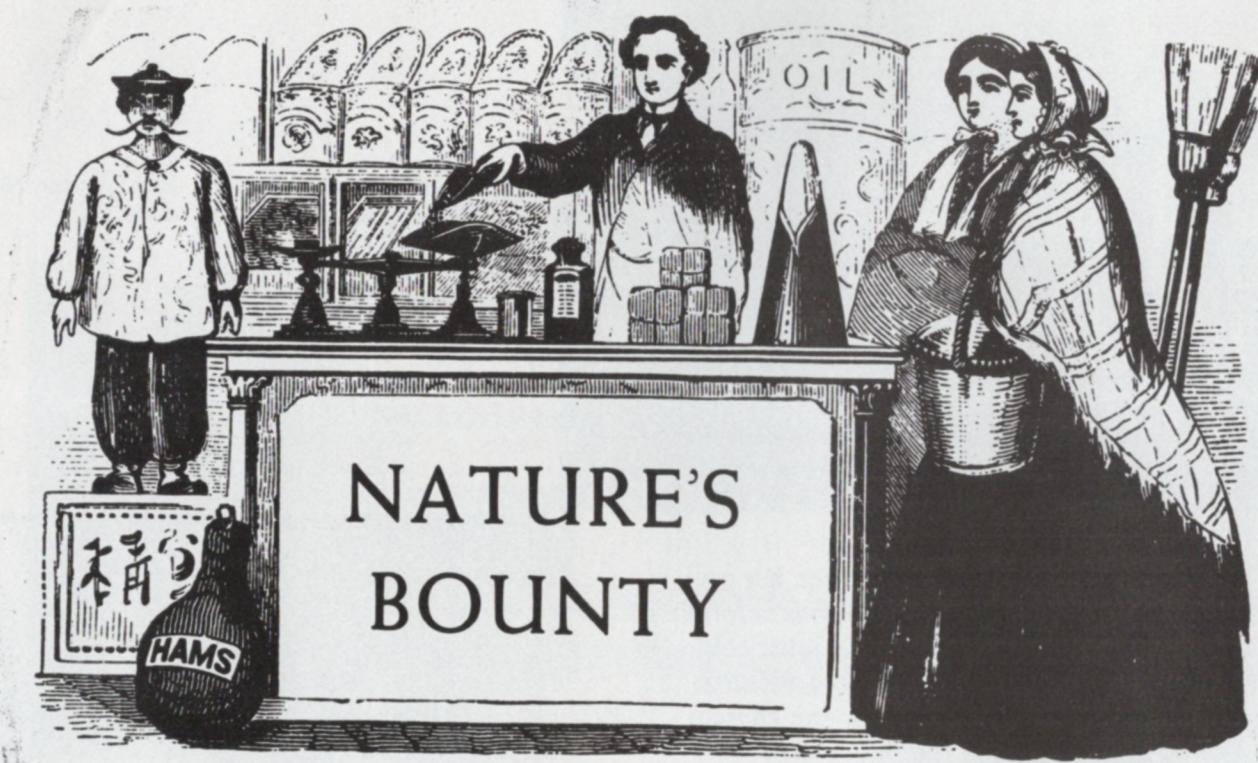
While there, as the pictures show, Anna also saw the Council house and many of the things we gave Diana to present to her Buckingham last year. I can attest to the fact that the gavel has been used -- there is a dent in its face.



*Just inside the front door of the Council Building framed on the wall is a map of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, presented to Mayor Elkerton when she visited here.*

*This is inside the Council Chamber, former Mayor Elkerton on the left, Anna Williams on the right. Under Mrs. Elkerton's right hand you can see the gavel and pounding block Wylie Rose made for the Buckingham Taxpayers Association to give to Mayor Elkerton.*

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*by Virginia Castleton Thomas*

Opening the door to Bunn's Natural Food Shoppe in Southampton is like entering a new world of nourishment. Shelves, racks and tables are stacked high with plain and unusual foods in varying forms. Many of these preparations are not strange to this area, or this country, and are presented in a manner that is as old as the time of our ancestors.

Wheat flour sold in Bunn's is milled by a slow buhrstone process. Corn comes from fields untouched by chemical sprays, and oatmeal may come from land where the salt scent of ocean is the only spray to drift over the growing leaves. There is graham, soy, bran and rye flour in sturdy bags, just as one would have seen in a grocer's shop of 100 years ago.

Tins and jars of honey lining a shelf throw amber and golden light in liquid form. This natural sweetener comes from many areas. There is orange blossom from the sweet scented Florida orchards, date from California, alfalfa from the rich fields of

the midwest, clover from everywhere, honey from the land of milk and honey, wild mesquite, buckwheat, avocado and thyme. Bucks County provides a wide variety, too.

Thomas J. Bunn, proprietor of the shop that offers more fascinating treasures than the Potosi mines, has been at this address at 963 Street Road for seven years. With the increasing interest in the products in his shop, Mr. Bunn sees a growing concern from his customers on the subject of additives placed in regular food supplies in this country.

In this Natural Food Shoppe, dried fruits taste of sweetness free from preservatives. Sun dried, they establish the fact that fruit in this form does not require chemicals to retain freshness and wholesomeness. Dates from California can be eaten plain or stuffed with ground sunflower meal and honey and rolled in coconut grains. Fat prunes glisten in dark silkiness and apricots are sweet curls of deep

orange.

Sesame seeds are ivory gold and add glory to whole wheat muffins, cereals, cookies, and anything they touch. These nourishing miniatures are supposed to produce the remarkable courage and stamina shown



by Turkish soldiers, since the tasty crisp seed figures heavily in the diet of that part of the world.

Pumpkin seeds from sun washed fields of Mexico bring the strength of captured sunshine in its chewy kernels. Tiny bags of Chia seed are supposed to have sustained the old time prospectors. Indians had long used this shot-like food, and called it their "forced march food." The solitary prospector, laboriously traversing the lonely stretches of desert country, chewed a small handful of the Chia seeds and then proceeded to travel all day without losing strength.

Wheat germ from farmlands that stretch to the edge of the Rockies or nestle beside the Pacific Ocean is here in quantity. This cereal has come to be known as a major source of good nutrition, unstripped as it is of its food value by processing. As nearby as Quakertown, there are mills that turn as they did over a century ago, and present us with the same sturdy grains.

What is the purpose of a natural food shop? Better nourishment, food without the nutrients altered, and the satisfaction of knowing one isn't swallowing chemicals with every morsel of food, is the answer of many who do their shopping here. More and more people are turning to the health shops in the belief that a major portion of food for sale in supermarkets and regular grocery stores has already been robbed of much of its value by various processing methods.

Aside from this, there are foods and food products available in the health shops that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Dulse from the sea can be had in tablet form or in a salt. This plant, called sea lettuce, has long been used by people living near the sea. In Japan it is made into a flat paper-thin wafer and eaten between meals as a non-sweet confection to ward off colds, and also to darken the hair. Irish moss, another

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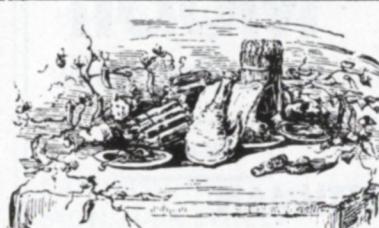
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Between Friends



by Sheila Martin

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Newtown can boast of one of the most complete bookstores in Bucks County, the Library Book Shop located at Centre and Court Street. It's the cozy kind of place where you can browse to your heart's content and you are sure to find a book (or two or three) that will interest you. Selecting a book should be like selecting a friend, a pleasant, unhurried process and the Library Book Shop really sets the scene.

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Ranulph Bye of Doylestown, well known Bucks County artist, has a painting included in the 1970 wall calendar of the Connecticut Mutual Life. The painting entitled "Witness to Yesterday" shows a gabled clapboard station as a proud survivor of a vanishing era. Ranulph Bye is a descendent of one of the early families of Bucks County and a son of the late Dr. Arthur E. Bye. He graduated from the Philadelphia Museum of Art School and studied at the Art Students League in New York.

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Doylestown's Mercer Museum is to be featured in a horror movie. This interesting event came to pass when the senior class in film making at New York University decided to use the setting for a movie they were making. Come to think of it, while the Museum is the most fascinating place to visit during the daylight hours, I don't think I'd enjoy being there after dark or all alone on a gloomy day.

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L. Knickerbacker Davis of Doylestown recently received a plaque from the American Humane Association honoring him for 60 years of service in

the cause of animal welfare. He has been a volunteer anti-cruelty agent with the Pennsylvania SPCA since 1909, and was a founder of the Bucks County SPCA.

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Dr. Haim Ginott, renowned psychologist, author, and lecturer will speak at Central Bucks High School West in Doylestown at 8 P.M. on Thursday, Feb. 12. Tickets for this event may be obtained by sending \$2 to St. Paul's Pre-School Center, P.O. Box 305, Warrington, Pa., 18976.

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Miss Linda Hermann of Churchville was selected as a finalist in WPHL-TV's "Miss 17" contest. She is now competing for the honor of being the outstanding teenage girl in the Channel 17 viewing area.

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J. Carroll Molloy, Jr. of Doylestown was recently named Realtor of the Year 1969 by the Bucks County Board of Realtors. Molloy who is carrying on his father's business has been a realtor since 1941.

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The Kiwanis Club of Riegelsville recently donated \$1700 towards the installation of a basketball court and volley ball posts at the borough playground.

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form of the plant, has long been used as a thickening for puddings. In explaining the food value in this remarkable plant, one doctor said since seaweeds have the advantage over land crops by growing in the sea that is constantly renewed by nature, seaweeds naturally contain all the elements required plus a healthy assortment of vitamins.

From Norway come fish oils that cause skin and hair to shine when taken for a period of time. Wild



berries from mountainous areas in this country are presented in jams and jellies made with raw sugar. On another shelf, thousands of herbal teas take as much time to read and consider as the same space in a bookshop. One can browse as long here as in a good library.

There is Fenugreek, a seed used for centuries in Eastern Europe and the islands. Hyssop tea is an ancient brew, and Anise, Boneset, Yellow Dock and Comfrey Root Tea all have their own special qualities. Coughweed tea, Valerian, Elder Flower, and Dalmatian Sage have figured in annals of early medicine.

Here also, one finds jars of green virgin olive oil from Spain, and the long miles of gray-green gnarled and wispy trees of the plains comes to mind for this oil is the fruit of those dusty acres, where only sun and sky and plain and trees can be seen.

On other shelves are cereals too interesting for one ever to return to the common boxed variety. Here we find grain flakes mixed with nutmeats and fruit, with a taste of intrigue in its composition. Or for the adventuresome, there are ways to experiment and make your own. Combine rice flakes with soya granules, wheat germ, pecans, hazelnuts, and chopped fruit, or any combination that pleases you.

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**LORD STIRLING**, by Alan Valentine, Oxford University Press, New York. 1969. 299 pp. \$6.50.

Do you find it difficult to believe that the 6th Earl of Stirling was one of George Washington's most capable generals? When one considers that the Earl was born William Alexander and lived in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, it becomes more believable, but still incongruous. In this biography Alan Valentine puts the pieces together with both scholarship and interest so that the complete portrait of one of the most interesting and underrated characters in American history emerges.

Lord Stirling, the name that he preferred to the more prosaic William Alexander, was the scion of a family prominent in the colonial history of both New York and New Jersey. The use of the title was based on his claim to a lapsed Scottish Earldom. While his claim was recognized under Scottish law, he never pressed for recognition under the governing English law. The lack of recognition did not, however, prevent him from living like an Earl. Unfortunately his inheritance was not Earl-like, and he found himself in continual financial difficulties that drove him to several highly speculative and unsuccessful business ventures.

Most of the New York and New Jersey landed

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aristocracy were somewhat more than Tory in their outlook. The Alexanders, however, had always been Whiggish politically, and when trouble started with the mother country, Lord Sterling found himself on the side of the colonies. Throughout the last half of 1775 he recruited and organized a regiment of the New Jersey militia and in February 1776 transferred to the Continental army with a commission as Brigadier General. From then, until his death at the age of 55 on January 15, 1783, he devoted his considerable talent, energy, and good judgement to the service of his commander and his nation.

Lord Stirling never won a major battle. On the other hand, he never lost a battle through poor generalship, stupidity, or a lack of will. He was one of Washington's close personal friends and enjoyed his complete trust. By the end of the war, he had commanded every brigade in the Continental Army except those from South Carolina and Georgia, and fought gallantly at Long Island, White Plains, Trenton, and Monmouth. In fact, it was in connection with the Battle of Trenton that Lord Stirling became, temporarily at least, one of Bucks County's earliest celebrity residents. On the cold march to Trenton he was seized with an almost crippling attack of rheumatism, and, after the victory

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## WINTER WONDERLAND



Sometimes winter affects Bucks County in a special, almost unusual way. It permits people to enjoy the sports of skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling, but it occasionally gives them an added, unexpected treat that, for its rarity alone, should be treasured by all.

Considering the unpredictable ways of the weather, people never know how it will change the scenery of the towns and countryside of Bucks County. Maybe this is why winter is such an intriguing season of the year.

Many retire at night, shuddering at the thought of waking to find a white sea of snow. But winter does not always work in this way.

Sometimes we have rain during the winter months. A sudden, unexpected downpour which continues through the night. When a new day dawns, we are faced with a new and excitingly different picture of winter.



*by Christopher Brooks*

*Photos by the author*



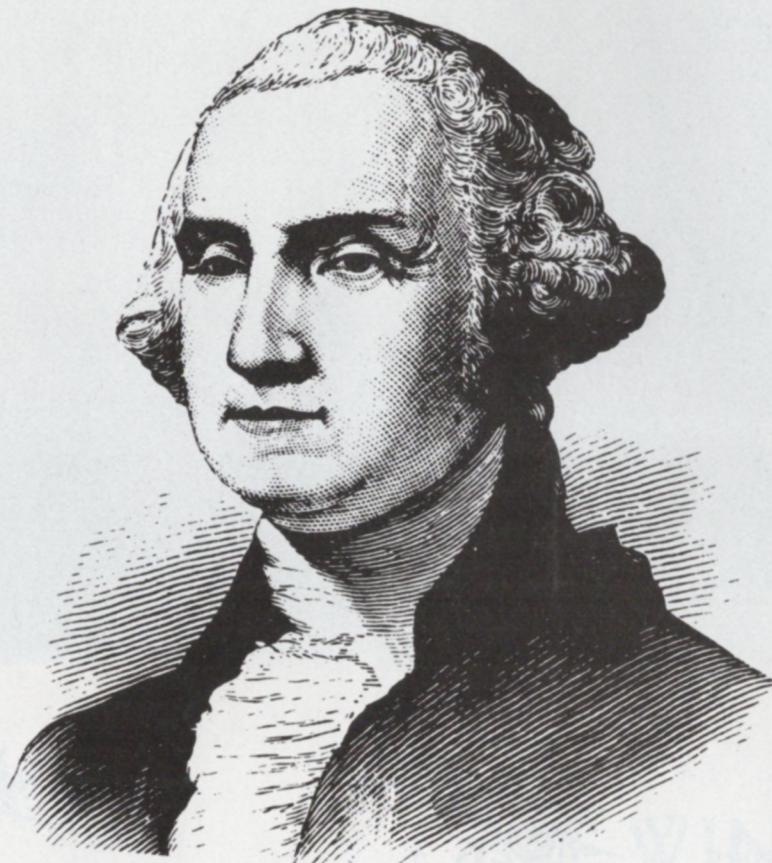
All through the woodlands and along roads and highways, the freezing rain has clung to everything it has touched. Bucks County becomes a setting for fine ice sculpture. When the sun appears, its rays pierce the frosted expanse of beauty and serenity making the trees and shrubs glisten and sparkle like thousands of diamonds.

Suddenly, just as suddenly as this world of ice and brilliance came, it vanishes from the face of the earth. You can walk through the woodlands and witness the disappearance yourself.

The warmth of the sun makes the temperature rise just above freezing. In a few seconds the icicles and formations begin to crack, losing their grip on tree branches and everything else. The ice falls away, shattering in the snow.

Everything which came so quickly has left, but it has stayed long enough to provide Bucks Countians with a glimpse of another side of winter.





## WASHINGTON IN BUCKS COUNTY

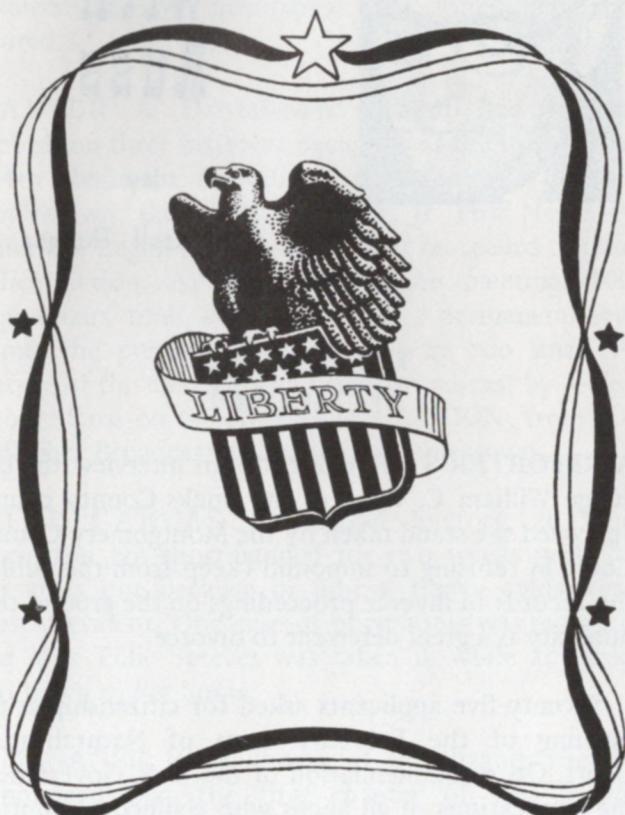
George Washington, whose 238th birthday falls on February 22, was perhaps the most important person in the achievement of American Independence, and the central figure in the war of the Revolution. Washington and his army spent some of the most critical days of the Revolution in Bucks County, and many of the places which were associated with his campaigns are now well-known historic landmarks. These historic spots and others are marked on the pamphlet, "Highways of History," available from the Bucks County Historical-Tourist Commission.

The first occasion in the war that brought General Washington to Bucks County was not an auspicious one. The small and ragged army was in full retreat after a series of disastrous defeats around New York in the fall of 1776. The General was anxious to put the Delaware River between his forces and the enemy, in order to rest his troops and plan the next step in the campaign. He reached Trenton and crossed

on December 8, 1776, and promptly ordered all the boats on the river between Easton and Bristol to be seized. The troops were billeted around the county and given a chance to rest, but the outlook was gloomy. The army, small to begin with, had been decimated at the Battle of Long Island and the other engagements, morale was low, and the majority of enlistments would run out in less than a month.

Washington had his headquarters first in Morrisville, at Thomas Barclay's house called "Summerseat." Here he waited from December 8 until the 14th, when news came that General Charles Lee had been captured. No more American troops would be coming across from New Jersey. Washington then moved his headquarters to the home of William Keith in Upper Makefield Township, located halfway between the general headquarters and supply depot at Newtown, and the important crossing at Coryell's Ferry, now New Hope. During

the encampment in Bucks County, and after a series of councils with his general staff, Washington made the momentous decision to cross back over the Delaware and gain a surprise victory over the Hessian detachment quartered at Trenton. This decision and



the resulting victory show, perhaps more than any other single event in the war, Washington's determination, his strength of will, his tactical ingenuity, and his ability to gain the confidence of the troops even under the least promising circumstances.

After the victories at Trenton and Princeton, the American army returned for a short time to regroup around Newtown, and then proceeded to permanent winter quarters at Morristown, N. J.

The threat of a British attack on Philadelphia brought the patriot army to Bucks County again in the summer of 1777. Washington was unable to ascertain whether General Howe would head up the Hudson River to New York, or down to Philadelphia by sea. He hesitated in upper New Jersey for a time, then toward the end of July, Howe went out to sea and Washington proceeded down the Old York Road

to the Delaware River. The army reached Coryell's Ferry (now Lambertville, N. J.) on July 29, and Washington reported to Congress that he was able to defend either city, whichever Howe attacked. The British fleet was at last sighted off Delaware Bay, and a courier reached Washington at 5:00 A.M. on the 31st with the news. The army crossed the river at once and headed toward Philadelphia. General Washington went on into the city to inspect fortifications, and the army camped near Germantown. By now the British fleet had disappeared and the American leaders, much perplexed, set out on August 7 back toward the Delaware. When they reached the Neshaminy Creek near Hartsville, news came that the British had been sighted again off the coast of Maryland. Washington halted and set up camp at that location, with his own headquarters at the home of Joseph Moland. The inhabitants of the area were "staunchly whig" and shared their supplies with the patriot army. While the army was here from August 10 to 23, 1777, and during this period, several foreign officers, such as Lafayette, Pulaski and DeKalb, joined the American cause.

Finally it became known that General Howe was headed up Chesapeake Bay to attack Philadelphia from the rear, and on August 23, Washington and his army set out again toward the city. The campaign that followed resulted in defeats at Brandywine and Germantown, and the British capture of Philadelphia. Washington had to retreat to Valley Forge for the winter of 1777 - 1778.

The American army passed through Bucks County briefly in the summer of 1778. Washington and his men left Valley Forge on June 18 to try to intercept the British as they withdrew from Philadelphia through New Jersey. The army camped for the night of June 20 outside Doylestown. General Washington spent the night at the house of Jonathan Fell, although there is evidence that he slept in a tent in the yard rather than in the house itself due to the extremely hot weather. The army went on to cross the Delaware at Coryell's Ferry again on June 22, and to meet the British at the Battle of Monmouth. The location of Washington's camp on the 21st is unknown.

Thereafter the course of battle in the Revolution did not bring Washington to Bucks County, although parts of his army sometimes passed through. Bucks had nevertheless witnessed some of the important manoeuvering of the early part of the war, and was the scene of some of the most critical strategic planning of the struggle for Independence.



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## Rambling with RUSS

by

A. Russell Thomas

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**A REPORTER'S MEMORY:** In an interview the late Judge William C. Ryan of the Bucks County courts, approved the stand taken by the Montgomery County Court in refusing to impound (keep from the public) the records in divorce proceedings on the ground that publicity is a great deterrent to divorce:

Seventy-five applicants asked for citizenship at the opening of the February term of Naturalization Court. On recommendation of the U. S. Government the applications of all aliens who claimed exemption during World War on grounds they were aliens, were refused citizenship in Judge Ryan's Court. Frederick Jacob Marquart of Buckingham Valley, a native of Germany who was asked who was the President of the United States, answered correctly, but in answer to who would become President in case of the President's death, he said THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Nevertheless Marquart was granted citizenship.

COACH ALLEN Gardy's Doylestown High basketball team used 17 players and defeated Hatboro High, 38 to 21. Doylestown regulars were Nash and Bigley, forwards; Hodges, center; A. Tomlinson and D. Tomlinson, guards. D-Town subs were Jim Michener, Ritter, Ed Twining, McNealy. The game was officiated by Ben Enory.

THE UNITED States census showed the hens of Bucks County produced 2,719,111 dozen eggs as last year's work. In so doing they won a proud position of

7th place in the United States among the entire 3,048 counties.

TRAIN AND TROLLEY accidents in Pennsylvania killed 754 persons and injured 8,794 in 1922. In 682 grade crossing accidents, 555 automobiles were involved and 97 occupants were killed and 380 injured.

AFTER A Doylestown resident had burned rubbish on three different occasions at the base of the 104th Regiment Monument in Monument Square, Doylestown, the A. R. Atkinson, Jr. Post No. 210, American Legion, Doylestown went on record to take police action. At the same Legion meeting, 100 Legionnaires took action to build a permanent new home, the present quarters being far too small. A feature of the meeting was a radio broadcast by Major George Ross on the AMERICAN LEGION, from the Gallagher Broadcasting Station in Doylestown.

THE GARGES Pantaloons Factory at Line Lexington ran short-handed for two weeks with 25 operators out because of illness. Heavy colds were most prevalent. One case of pneumonia was reported and Miss Tillie Steever was taken ill while at work, and taken to her home.

MANAGER NICK Power of the Strand Theatre announced that the first chapter of *The Jungle Goddess* will not be shown on Friday evening as advertised, but will be held over until the scarlet fever ban is lifted in Doylestown and vicinity.

MINE HOST Francis Mireau of the Fountain House (Doylestown) served a fine chicken dinner at a meeting of the Doylestown Chamber of Commerce when action was taken to establish a Bucks County Fair in Doylestown before some other borough wins out. Chamber President Isaac J. Vanartsdalen appointed a special committee to get things going.

DO YOU REMEMBER "The Great Hayco" who broke loose from every straightjacket ever placed on him — and handcuffs too. This character lived in Doylestown for a time and became a Legionnaire. He was Paul Kruger, proprietor of the Railroad House, aged 34 years. Aside from doing the strongman acts, "Um Paul" was noted for his home-made gin sold under cover.

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# EPISODES IN CAIRO VII



*by Dr. Arthur E. Bye*

## THEY ALL WANT TO COME TO AMERICA

During the last week of my stay in Cairo a series of perplexing incidents occurred, which at the time, I could not account for. Not only Anam, but a half-dozen others, were applying to me for help in going to America. There were visits and phone calls from people I never met.

Of all those who wished me to help them, the only one I thought possible was Ali; his brother Said proposed it. But before encouraging the boy's hopes I thought I should discuss the venture with the hotel manager and ascertain that Ali could receive back his job there when and if he returned to Egypt — a necessary precaution demanded by the passport authorities.

There are three almost insurmountable difficulties facing every Egyptian who wishes to emigrate to the United States. First there is the quota allowance to enter, and this quota has a long waiting list; second, the Egyptian government refuses to allow anyone to leave the country except for a few reasons such as official business, study in a university, or to fulfill a contract; third no money can go out of the country. The only way an Egyptian can come to America is as a temporary visitor, and then on a contract. In the case of a boy who had not fulfilled his military service, he has to give guarantees for his return.

So I wished to discuss the problem with the hotel manager, Mr. Samir. He was not only sympathetic, but encouraging. He talked to me very earnestly

about it, and advised how the passport difficulties might be overcome. We also outlined the terms of the contract to be drafted, Ali's services to me, his wages, etc. I remarked to Mr. Samir he showed a great deal of interest in his employees, and their welfare. Mr. Samir sat back in his chair, put his hands behind his head, and said in the most serious manner,

"Why, Mr. Bye — I would give everything to be in Ali's shoes."

"What!" I exclaimed, perplexed, "You who are the manager of this great hotel!"

"I would go to America on the same contract you propose for Ali, just to get out of here."

Later when we were having dinner, at his invitation, up in the roof garden of the Cleopatra, when we could talk confidentially together, he explained to me he had his wife and children in Switzerland. He was unable to visit them. His one object was to get out of Egypt, in any way possible, then he could hope to send for his family to join him. Besides, he had no sense of security here. "How long will it last, this job I have at the hotel?"

If this astonished me, I was equally amazed at the courtesy of the attorney, Mr. Mahmoud Ibrahim, whose advice I sought in preparing the contract for Ali. He prepared two copies, one in Arabic, and one in English, affixed his notarial seal to both and refused to take any fee. I insisted on having a bill.

"No" he replied, "This is a service so pleasant to

me, I do not wish any fee. If I can help anyone in any way to go to America with you, I am happy."

I went to a physician, Dr. Anis Salama, by name, for a general check-up before leaving Egypt. He gave me a solid hour of his time, with a prescription and then, when I asked him what I owed him, he said, very earnestly,

"Please consider this a courtesy. I wish you to have a pleasant return to your fortunate country. May you have good health all the way."

Mr. Gamal Moubarek owned one of the better art shops in Cairo; a Copt, he was an intelligent and highly educated man of distinguished appearance. Simply because we agreed on what was good or bad in art, I invited him to have coffee at the hotel where we could talk at leisure, when suddenly, out of the blue sky, he asked me could he accompany me back to America. He could get his passport in a few days, had no impediments, and would work in any capacity.

Such a proposition was hardly believable.

There were three other young men who had bazaars and who asked me to take them with me to America. I will merely mention two of them, Abdel Salam Khattab of the Zossal Bazaar, Mohammed the younger brother of Ismail of the Lotus bazaar.

The most startling proposition was from a lady I had never seen or heard of. There was first a telephone call, asking me if I would have tea with — I could not catch her name — at her villa in the country; if so she would send her daughter to get me. Would four o'clock today be convenient?

As I always accept any proposition that savours of intrigue and mystery, I agreed; and accordingly that afternoon a very attractive, well-dressed young lady who looked like any typical American college girl, and blonde, came to the Cleopatra and introduced herself as the daughter of Dr. Naime El Ajouli, the first woman to practice law in Egypt, and an official in the Governmental department for social work. All this she explained.

We had a delightful drive out in the direction of the pyramids, during which we chatted about her college work and archaeological interests, for she was an erudite girl, enthusiastic over the monuments of the past. Also on the way I tried to find out the purport of this visit, but all the daughter could tell me was that her mother had heard of me through Mr. Ibrahim, the attorney.

In about half an hour, we arrived at the Ajouli Villa, a house in the modern Egyptian style — a sort of ranch type building of stuccoed stone, with porticoes and balconies, where we were received by

my companion's mother.

Dr. Naime was a large woman, with fair complexion and black hair, very different from her pretty daughter, very cordial, even effusive in her welcome. She invited me into a large room, richly furnished with sofas, tables, cabinets and chairs of the Victorian style, with Persian rugs on the floor. Tea and cakes were brought in by an Arab servant. I was besieged with questions, how I liked Egypt, what I had done and seen and how long I was going to stay. But one question I myself wished to ask. Opposite me hanging on the wall was a full length portrait of a handsome young man, so extremely distinguished in appearance that I wanted to know who he was.

"That was my husband" Dr. Naime explained. "He was a Pasha," and she sighed, "a Pasha was a nobleman, you know, in the former days before the trouble. We had great estates. They were confiscated. My husband died of shock and grief, for, as you can see, he was a sensitive man. The government allows me only a tithe of what we possessed."

And she told me how her son, fortunately, was in Europe at the time of the confiscation, that she had not seen him since, that there was no way she could go see him.

"Such things are terrible" I said, as sympathetically as I could. "I have met many people in the month I have been here who have suffered like you. But you — a prominent woman in social work, surely should have some influence? I have heard that the confiscated estates are being divided up and given to the farmers who work them. Tell me, is that true? What is being done to improve conditions in which they, the fellahin, are forced to live."

"Are you interested in Social Work, Mr. Bye?"

"Not actively" I replied, "I don't really know anything about what is being done in foreign countries except through the Society of Friends Service Committee, for one of my granddaughters joined a group of workers who went to Austria, Czechoslovakia and even to Russia."

"Are you referring to the Quakers?" she asked.

"Yes, have you heard of them?"

So we talked about that for awhile. After an hour I thought it was time to go. I did not know what I was here for anyhow.

"What is your hurry?" she asked.

"Well" I replied, "I am not in a hurry, but I am taking up your time."

"My time!" Dr. Ajouli repeated "I have been all my life hearing about the Quakers. You are the first

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*Next to the thatched house, the oldest in Buckingham, is a pub. The sign over the door shows a mitre.*

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After we left the Elkertons and Buckingham we still weren't finished with the day. We heard the news of the landing on the moon just as we were finishing dinner at Blenheim Palace. We had a transistor radio with us and when the words came that "we are down" I let out a "whoop" or "hoorah" or something. The headwaiter, the other guests, must have thought I was nuts. Anna and the children ran out to get better reception outside and I ended up at a round table with a crowd of Englishmen and Englishwomen all toasting America and the astronauts.

Almost everyone in England stayed up all that night to watch. Remember it was 3:30 a.m. British time. I was glad to hear later that week over tea with "Tony" Archdeacon, the Buckingham Town Clerk, in London that the Buckingham (England) Town Council had sent a congratulations cable to the Buckingham (Pennsylvania) Supervisors on the moon feat.

It was a long day, but one we will remember.



*In the Vicarage garden. Left to right in the back, Jan Williams, Roger Williams III, Lynn Williams, Valerie Williams, a young French friend, Tim Elkerton. Front, Anna Williams, Diana Elkerton.*

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1 - 28 CHURCHVILLE — Nature Education Center, Churchville County Park. Open daily 9 to 5 p.m., Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Family Nature Programs Sunday 2 p.m.

1 - 28 TELFORD — Lockwood Galleries, 345 Church Road, Winter Show. Paintings, sculpture, pottery and weaving exhibits. Hours: Evenings 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

1 - 28 BRISTOL — The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum, 610 Radcliffe St., Victorian Decor. Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Other times by appointment.

1 - 28 SELLERSVILLE — Walter Baum Galleries, 225 N. Main St., Art Show, Fantastic Art, Daily and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

7 FAIRLESS HILLS — Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra of Bucks County presents a concert in the Bishop Egan High School, Wistar Road, featuring Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3, with special guest pianist Robert Bedford. 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Orchestra office, Box 325, Levittown, Pa., or by calling 215-945-2661.

21 HOLICONG — New Hope Pro Musica Concert, featuring Soprano, Anna Moffo, Central Bucks East Auditorium. Evening. Tickets, \$4.50, \$3.50 (a limited number of students at \$1.50). Write to Box 204, New Hope, Pa. 18938 or call 598-7771.

22 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Thompson-Neely House. Colonial dressed women will serve samples of George Washington's Birthday Cake (gingerbread) 10 to 5 p.m.

28 LANGHORNE — Gymnastics — P.I.A.A. Eastern Regional Championship at Neshaminy High School.

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at Princeton, retired to lighter duty and recuperation at Newtown until he rejoined the army at Morristown on February 19, 1777.

Other Revolutionary War generals have found their place in history through perhaps one spectacular victory. The 6th Earl of Stirling earned a place equal to any of the others on the basis of his consistently good performance and dedication. In contrast to Lord Sterling's successful management of military affairs lies his almost complete ineptitude in the management of his personal affairs, leading to the observation that an appropriate sub-title might be *How to win a War and lose a Fortune*.

H. Winthrop Blackburn

## LOCAL TALENT

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We of the *Panorama* staff are conducting a search for local talent. Upon these pages of your Bucks County magazine, which we feel so truly reflect the changing moods, scenes and pace of this delightful area, *Panorama* editors would like to put upon display more of the talents so famous to the folks from Bucks.

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The same requisites are true for both artists and photographers — that your work will reflect the settings, moods, history, or faces of Bucks County. Photographers are asked to be sure that they obtain permission of subject before submitting finished work to us.

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# WINTER SPORTS IN BUCKS COUNTY

Ice skating is great fun, a family sport enjoyed by young and old alike or by the beginner and the expert. In Bucks County there are many ponds, creeks, lakes and the canal that provide safe skating this time of year when the weather is cold enough to freeze the ice to a safe thickness. To mention a few such places one may now skate in Bucks County; Silver Lake near Bristol, the Lagoon near Washington Crossing State Park where hundreds of skating enthusiasts skate daily and Lake Caroline, located at the intersection of Oxford Valley Road and Hood Boulevard in Fairless Hills. Silver Lake is under the supervision of the Bucks County Park Board and, therefore, is properly patroled by guards. Lights have been provided and installed for night skating on the lake Sunday thru Thursday until 9:30 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday until 10:30 p.m. Two large bonfires are allowed on shore under the close scrutiny of Park personnel. Those that wish to warm their hands or their feet may do so or toast marshmallows under the stars. Come to Bucks County and enjoy this thrilling winter family sport.



Pennsylvania has become an exciting place to ski with over 49 ski areas available in the state. The Bucks County Historical-Tourist Commission now has a limited supply of Pennsylvania ski brochures furnished from Harrisburg, Pa., for free distribution. The ski brochure lists the ski areas in Pennsylvania and locates them on a map. Last year, the State Travel Development Bureau initiated a telephone answering service regarding ski conditions throughout the state in six eastern United States cities by calling various numbers in surrounding states as well as Pennsylvania.

For free travel brochures and other travel information on Bucks County or your free Pennsylvania ski brochure, phone or write the Commission, Main Street and Locust Ave., Fallsington, Pa.



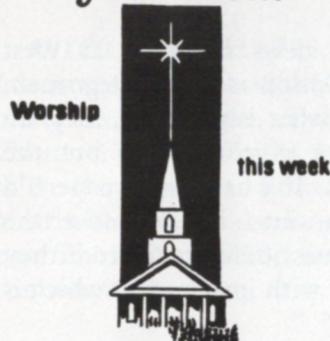
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as a young man. He had a distinguished career in silent films working for the Peerless Studios in Edgewater, New Jersey. Best known for character



Ivan Doubble, left, in "Let Not Man Put Asunder"

parts Ivan Doubble played in "Mystery of the Yellow Room," in Monsieur Beaucaire" with Rudolph Valentino and several times portrayed the Kaiser in World War One films. His wife Dorothy, born in Canada, is a talented artist who did several of her paintings while living in the stone house, named Windycot by the Doubbles.

Occupants of Windycot now are Mr. and Mrs. R. Joseph Martini. Chloe Martini, daughter of Ivan and Dorothy Doubble, is known locally not only for her established talent in writing but for her interest in plants native to Bucks County and also in the Lenni-Lenape Indians, original occupants of the area.

Mr. Martini has had distinguished careers in music and newspaper publishing. He has been a violinist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Symphony and the Princeton University Orchestra and Director of the Bristol Orchestra. He served in the Army in World War Two in the Aleutians. His present interest is the weekly publishing of *The Yardley Bucks County News*. The Martinis have two teenage children, Dorothy and Russ.

So as we look at the people who have owned the little house on Old Windy Bush Road for the past 180 years, we see a rich variety of abilities and interests, of hard working men and women whose dedication to the worth-while principles of living is as strong as the sturdy walls of Windycot.

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THE McCALL American Legion Post basketball team of Philadelphia was defeated by the Atkinson Post of Doylestown on the Armory floor, 30 to 24. The Atkinson Post lineup included Eddie McIntyre and Onyx Stultz, forwards; Al Gardy, center; Harry Blair and Russ Gulick, guards. The referee was Ray Wodock.

STATE POLICE raided the New Galena Hotel at midnight and placed Proprietor Nicholas Polen under arrest, confiscating a SMALL bottle of whiskey and arresting five participants in a friendly game of FIVE AND TEN, all of whom paid fines of \$10 and costs before Justice of the Peace Robert G. Hendricks (Doylestown). Polen's \$1,000 bail was furnished by Joe Windholz and Polen was represented by Atty. John C. Swartley.

THE WALLACE Willard Keller American Legion Post of Quakertown went on record to support Governor Gifford Pinchot in his war on booze and the liquor traffic in general.

TINICUM DAIRYMAN Association took advantage of the cold snap by filling their ice houses with a good quality ice taken from Myers Dam on the Tohickon Creek.

IN AN interview with news reporters at West Orange, N. J. Thomas A. Edison rapped college men, saying, "They don't know what is going on, they are too dense... newspapers are a great factor but the college boys overlook them. If I had a newspaper I'd put more popular science into it. I'd make the candidates for jobs fill out questionnaires to see if they knew anything. I want men with imagination which is a scarce article."

JOSEPH R. GRUNDY, Bristol resident and president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association was severely injured in an automobile accident on the Bristol Pike near Academy Road on his way to Philadelphia to attend a PMA meeting. He was taken to the Frankford Hospital in a patrol wagon where an operation was performed. Mr. Grundy was one of the supporters of Gifford Pinchot for the Governorship of Pennsylvania after the withdrawal of John S. Fisher.

WILLIAM F. Fretz, Pipersville, leased Mechanic Hall, Doylestown, for a pantaloons factory and

installed 25 machines. Work started December 26, 1923. Mr. Fretz' father established the business in Pipersville in 1880.

LILLIAN GILMORE, 6-year-old victim of a fiendish kidnap, in Frankford, was found dead. Wyle (Texas) Morgan, confessed abductor of Lillian and her 4½-year-old sister, Dorothy, with detectives, found the body frozen stiff and horribly mutilated on the ice-covered surface of the Neshaminy Creek between Croydon and Newportville, Bucks County.

NATIONAL FARM School graduated a class of 33 students at the 26th annual commencement. The exercises were held in the new \$15,000 Auditorium and diplomas were presented by the dean, Dr. Bernard Ostrolenk. A total of 332 young men graduated from the school during the first 26 years. (Farm School is now Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture).

FIRE BELIEVED to have started in defective wiring in the basement, broke out at midnight and caused about \$15,000 damages to the beautiful residence of Ex-Senator Webster Grim at Broad and North Main Streets, Doylestown, once the famous Green Tree Hotel and now the home of the Joseph R. Kennys et al.

A TOTAL OF \$37,773.20 was contributed to the 6th annual roll call of the American Red Cross by 59 branches in Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Chester Counties. Bucks was credited with \$5,845.50 and Doylestown Boro led with \$1,566 while Morrisville, one of the largest communities in Bucks, contributed but \$98, far less than many smaller communities.

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UNION HORSE COMPANY of Doylestown For the Apprehension of Horse Thieves and Other Villains will hold its 135 annual dinner-meeting, Saturday, February 7, at High Noon, in the Doylestown American Legion Home on North Street. The after-dinner speaker will be Gerhardt Von-Tormann of Bayside, N. Y., one of America's most sought-after speaker-entertainers.

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one I ever saw. When do you think I will see another one again?"

I squirmed about in my chair. "Frankly, Dr. Ajouli, I am a poor example. Let's forget about it. Since I've been in Egypt I've been considering Islam."

"Islam and Quakerism are about the same" she said. "Now I come to think of it, why don't you stay here in Egypt?"

"Stay here?" I exclaimed. "Why everybody wants to leave here."

"Of course, so do I — because unfortunately I am an Egyptian. But you are an American. You can come and go as you wish, live here six months every year in this delightful climate. You could live here with me, and go every day to Helwan only a short drive up the river — and bathe in the hot springs. I know a man who came to Helwan twenty years ago when he was eighty and he is still only eighty years old. We would sail up the Nile to Asswan — a magnificent resort, not to mention Luxor, and thoroughly enjoy life. Or perhaps we would have a yacht. You should not travel by yourself" she sighed. "Everyone needs a companion. For the other six months of the year we would live in America on one of your estates."

At her subtle introduction of the pronoun "We" in her design for living I began to feel my blood pressure rise or fall (whichever it is that makes one dizzy); I clutched the arm of my chair and stammered,

"But I don't have that kind of money."

She looked astonished "No?" she exclaimed, "You — one of the richest men in America?"

"What" I almost shouted. "Who told you that?"

"Why it was in one of the papers, that you, one of the wealthiest millionaires in America, was staying at The Cleopatra, that you had a ranch with at least 100,000 cows as a conservative estimate, oil wells and mineral mines. So you can have whatever you please. You ought to consider your health first, and with some one like myself to take care of you, you will live for many, many years."

I could stop at this ridiculous conclusion, but it is only fair to Dr. Naime El Ajouli for me to add that in spite of her disappointment when I revealed to her my true state of comparative poverty, (which probably she only half believed) she remained friendly, even cordial. I can still go back to Egypt for six months every year and enjoy that glorious climate.

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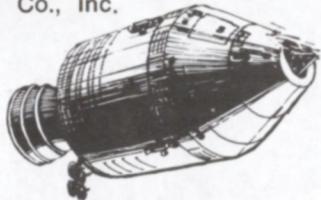


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